

Minutes from the LRPCE meeting **28/09/2022**

Area1 IPID Bent Jespersen - In attendance

Area2 PID Dr Walter Zemrosser – (**EF Zagreb Vice President**) - - **Apologies received by e-mail -**

Area3 IPID Daniel Isenrich – In attendance

Area4 IPID Nicole Belaud – In attendance

Area5 ID Teresa Dineen – In attendance

Area6 ID Elena Appiani – In attendance

Area7 PID George Th Papas – In attendance

Area8 PID Kalle Elster – No contact

ID Mats Granath - (**ID representative Zagreb**) – In attendance

Gudrun Yngvadóttir – **Chairperson LRPCE, PIP**, – In attendance

Prof. Dr. Giuseppe 'Pino' Grimaldi – **International President 1994 -1995** – In attendance

Eberhard J Wirfs – **International President 2009 – 2010 – Apologies**

PDG Drazen Melcic - **Europa Forum 2022 Zagreb President** – In attendance

PDG Darko Ćuruvija – **Programme Director Zagreb** – In attendance

PDG George Savvides – **Programme Director Thessaloniki – Apologies**

PID Phil Nathan – **EF Archivist & Advisor** – In attendance

*PID Daniel Isenrich - Assistant to A&A overseeing – **EF Accountant responsibilities** –

PID Sandro Castellana - Guest - Chair of LRPCE Communication Guidelines WG Group. - Apologies

PID Geoff Leeder - Guest - (Chair LTFE) Lions Task Force Europe. – In attendance

1. Chairperson welcomed all

2. No introductions necessary

3. Apologies –

Eberhard J Wirfs – IP 2009 – 2010. PID Dr Walter Zemrosser – PDG George Savvides

PID Sandro Castellana - Guest

4. Minutes of previous meeting had been circulated before. No comments other than correcting that ID Mats was eventually unable to attend, due to hosting IP Brian and Lori during their official visit to Sweden. No further comments on the minutes.

5. Proposal for an emergency resolution was accepted by EF President Drazen.

The proposal was read to the committee by the A&A

It concerns the cancellation policy for future Fora. If accepted by member countries during EC2 in Zagreb it will form part of the ROP (revised). From 8 LRPCE voting members **6 in attendance. The vote was unanimous and EF President Drazen will prepare an Emergency Resolution for Zagreb and advise member countries.**

DRAFT: Cancellation Policy Guidelines:

Up to 30 days prior to the Forum: 100% refund

Between 30 - 15 days prior to the Forum: 20% refund

Less than 15 days prior the Forum: no refund

in the unusual situation of an unexpected cancellation, consideration will be given, and a decision made about repayment by the Forum President based on the situation of the Forum Financials and after consultation with the EF Accountant.

As per the RoP, the final decision will remain with the Forum President. Any such cancellation must be claimed within one (1) month after the Europa Forum supported by relevant information. The claim request must be directed in writing to the Forum President directly

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to the **European International Director Rotation agreement as accepted in Montreux**

An official letter had been received from the Italian (MD108) CC confirming that due to having a candidate for 3rd IVP Italy is withdrawing its opportunity to offer an ID candidate for years 2024-2026
As a number of countries are expressing interest in this topic, LRPCE need to be responsible for **ensuring 3 appropriate candidates to represent Europe are presented as expected.**

Portugal is the most obvious to adjust their timetable.

FIP Pino asked if they (Portugal), were yet aware? PIP Gudrun confirmed as yet NO.

Daniel questioned **whether the 1250 requisite still existed, and this was confirmed.**

The current Rotation list shows several adjustments may be necessary, caused by the passage of time and falling members on the whole.

Spain needs to Re-District or step aside.

However, rather than rushing too many decisions at this meeting it was noted that there are very important discussions at the October Int Board meeting that may address some issues.

There is the possibility of a replacement proposal report.

ID Teresa asked a question regarding D133 The Island of Ireland and where does a future possibility of representation sit?

A&A Phil advised how the current situation had arisen. As the Montreux agreement was being finalised it was apparent that MD105 had a back-to-back situation instead of the usual gap between ID's. This gave an opportunity to recognise Ireland who had for 50 years plus been part of MD105 but had recently become independent as D133. This one opportunity (2021-2023) did not however look to the future and would be an obvious for consideration when there was next a rotation review.

FIP Pino highlighted that member numbers were falling and that we should now be **considering the membership numbers for the 2 years before** to allow for orderly preparation, there are difficult choices, there were originally 6 categories used to calculate when ID candidates could be endorsed.

Everyone agreed that Portugal should be the 1st choice to move from their previously agreed date, we should invite them to consider as that would sort the immediate problem.

After the October Board meeting there could be a full review of the Rotation list currently in circulation,

General discussion followed – Romania could be 2nd choice if Portugal declined.

A&A Phil suggested that Slovenia also could be considered.

D133 could possibly come up with 2 slots in the next 16 years of Rotation.

George T Papas asked why not MD117 Greece, Daniel agreed they could be considered.

George T P predicted 200 more members in one District and a Total of 1270 in the other.

A&A suggested that this conversation could go on forever with so many having possible personal interest and that an LRPCE working group should be set up for a complete review where necessary. The group would provide their findings to a future LRPCE meeting with this subject being the only topic. A future member country decision could then ratify with transparency and harmony.

ID Mats agreed with the ideas of Portugal to be offered the slot made vacant by Italy and then set up the working group.

FIP Pino confirmed this as plan B

Daniel – Plan B is urgent

Daniel – Gudrun proposed to speak to Portugal.

FIP Pino – to remain democratic should we not inform Member Countries of an opportunity?

Daniel suggested that even Croatia could be considered , A&A agreed.

A&A stated that this one move to fill the vacancy that has occurred from Italy, should be referred to as an adjustment to the current plan.

FIP Pino said that tonight we consider democracy.

A&A reminded that the original 'Gentleman's Agreement' was based on democracy.

Should Voids be considered again to enable encouragement and success?

Gudrun – So, we have next, Germany, Italy, France. We have discussed Italy.
What if France has a candidate for 3rd?

A&A suggested a proper record of decision regarding Portugal and **Working group is required for minute records.**

There are 8 voting members but only 6 in attendance.

Chairperson asked 6 voting members to vote – Unanimous

A&A said for harmony all could give their view too.

For a clear picture of the LRPCE committee view Chairperson asked all in attendance to vote,
Unanimous

To conclude:

Chairperson Gudrun to contact CC of Portugal tonight by telephone and report back to LRPCE

France might run a Candidate for 3rd

Bent- EF should decide on 1 candidate from Europe – Response – International Constitution and
Bylaws would have to be changed

FIP Pino – 1 candidate from 1 Area

FIP Pino – Elegance is required

Chairperson closes the meeting with thanks to all

FIP Pino Congratulates Chairperson Gudrun

Next meeting of LRPCE in Zagreb Wednesday 26th October

The following day Chairperson Gudrun updated LRPCE with the following:

Dear friends

I called CC Américo Marques MD-115 right after the meeting last night, but he was busy in a meeting and sent me a message.

I called him back early this morning; he was still busy.

But he called me back a few minutes ago with his secretary as a translator.

CC Américo was very surprised. And he was honored and grateful on behalf of Lions in Portugal to be considered.

I encouraged him to meet with the Portuguese Lions leaders and discuss this matter, and I told him we would appreciate having their answer within a week.

CC Americo told me he would try that, but asked if 10 days was OK, and I said so:

"10 days - by the end of next week".

Regards,
Gudrun